

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic apparatus, comprising:

a first housing;

a second housing connected to the first housing, the second housing rotating between a closed position to be superposed on the first housing, and an open position to expose the first housing, and having a front wall, a rear wall and an upper wall, said upper wall being exposed even if the second housing is in the closed position;

a latch which mechanically connects the second housing to the first housing in the closed position, the latch has a slid member slidably mounted on the upper wall, the slid member having an outer surface with a first rib which is arranged on the outer surface, extended in the direction crossing the sliding direction of the slid member; and

~~a second rib arranged in one of (1) on said slid member (2) on said upper wall or (3) on said rear wall (a) on said slid member, (b) on said upper wall, or (c) on said rear wall, said second rib extending in the direction crossing a second housing rotating direction,~~

wherein the second housing rotating direction is perpendicular to the sliding direction.

2. (Original) An electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second rib includes two rib members positioned with the first rib therebetween.

3. (Original) An electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first rib has a projection height equivalent to the second rib.

4. (Original) An electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second rib has a higher projection height than the first rib.

5. (Currently Amended) An electronic apparatus, comprising:

a first housing;

a second housing having one end supported by the first housing and the other end located opposite to the one end, the second housing rotating between a closed position to cover the first housing, and an open position to expose the first housing, and the second housing having [[a]] an upper wall positioned at the other end; and

a latch mounted at the other end of the second housing, the latch sliding along a longitudinal direction of the second housing, between a locked position to lock onto the first housing when the second housing is in the closed position, and an unlocked position to release the second housing from the first housing, the latch member having a slid member which is slidably mounted on the upper wall, the slid member having an outer surface with a plurality of first ribs and at least one second rib,

wherein the first ribs are projected from the outer surface, extended in the direction crossing a sliding direction of the slid member, and arranged with intervals in the sliding direction of the slid member; and the at least one second rib is projected from the outer surface, extended in a direction crossing a second housing rotating direction,

wherein the second housing rotating direction is perpendicular to the sliding direction.

6. (Currently Amended) An electronic apparatus according to claim 5, wherein each of the first ribs has a front edge located ~~at the front side of toward~~ the sliding direction when the slid member is slid from a locked position toward an unlocked position, and a rear edge located ~~at the rear side of away from~~ the sliding direction of the slid member; and the rear edge of the first rib is made squarer than the front edge.

7. (Currently Amended) An electronic apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the second rib has a front edge located ~~at the front side of toward~~ the rotating direction when the second housing is rotated from the closed position to the open position, and a rear edge

located at the rear side of away from the rotating direction of the second housing; and the rear edge of the second rib is made squarer than the front edge.

8. (Currently Amended) An electronic apparatus according to claim 5, wherein successive first ribs are longer than preceding first ribs in the sliding direction of the slid member wherein the sliding direction is ~~is slid~~ from the locked position to the unlocked position.

9. (Original) An electronic apparatus according to claim 5, wherein successive first ribs have a projection height higher than predecessor first ribs in the sliding direction of the slid member wherein the sliding direction is from the locked position to the unlocked position.

10. (Currently Amended) An electronic apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the slid member is located at the center ~~in the width direction~~ of the upper wall.

11. (Original) An electronic apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the at least one second rib extends over the first ribs.

12. (Original) An electronic apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the outer surface, the first ribs and the at least one second rib of the slid member are coated by a plating layer.

13. (Original) An electronic apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the latch includes a spring that urges the slid member toward the locked position.

14. (Currently Amended) An electronic apparatus comprising:

a first housing;

a second housing supported by the first housing, the second housing rotatable in a second housing rotating direction between a closed position to cover the first housing, and an open position to expose the first housing; and

a latch provided in the second housing, the latch sliding between a locked position to hook on the first housing when the second housing is in the closed position, and an unlocked position to release the first housing, the latch having a slid member to be operated when rotating the second housing from the closed position to the open position, the slid member having an outer surface with a plurality of ribs projected from the outer surface,

wherein the plurality of ribs are arranged with intervals in a sliding direction of the slid member, and inclined to the sliding direction of the slid member,

wherein the second housing rotating direction is perpendicular to the sliding direction.

15. (Original) An electronic apparatus according to claim 14, wherein each of the ribs have a first part inclined in one direction partly along the sliding direction of the slid member, and a second part inclined oppositely to the one direction.